

MINUTES  
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Powell, Bowers, Emm, Naour, Tello, and Turley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kerber and Owens

STAFF PRESENT: Howe, Anderson K, Anderson T, Coverston Anderson, and Voss

CALL TO ORDER: Powell called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:39 p.m., with no corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ellen Saxton and Kristin Epley-ISU Student, Public Health Class

MINUTES: Powell requested approval for the minutes of January 9, 2013.

Tello/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the minutes of January 9, 2013. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bills to be Paid –		<u>As of 1/31/13</u>	<u>As of 2/28/13</u>
Health Department	112-61	\$212,305.04	\$247,908.27
Dental Sealant	102-61	20,321.75	27,289.52
WIC	103-61	11,377.38	11,402.45
Preventive Health	105-61	64,048.87	12,145.86
Family Case Mngemt	106-61	21,036.73	18,650.31
AIDS/CD Control	107-61	20,386.91	11,146.48

Turley/Tello moved and seconded approval for the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, IDPH Asthma, September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013, in the amount of \$3500. Funds for this program provide asthma education and distribution of the Managing Asthma in Child Care Facilities toolkit to child care facilities. This year it also added a requirement to collaborate with the We Choose Health project to encourage managers of public and private multi-unit housing and public access areas to develop & implement smoke free policies. Howe passed around a book and a work book on asthma that is given to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school aged children. Tello inquired if all schools have this asthma education program. Howe explained that all schools are offered the opportunity to participate. Only those schools that positively reply are offered the program.

Turley/Bowers moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, IDPH Asthma, in the amount of \$3500. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, IDPH Vision & Hearing grant, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, in the amount of \$3960. Funds for the program are designed to provide mandated vision and hearing screenings for preschool (age 3 & older) and school age children in order to detect early vision and hearing impairments.

Howe further explained that the vision and hearing programs are handled in three different ways. Children that are Medicaid eligible are billed through the department; some schools elect to pay \$30 per hour for each technician providing student testing; and the grant subsidizes daycares to provide the service for their low income students.

Tello/Emm moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, IDPH Vision & Hearing grant, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, in the amount of \$3960. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT application, IDPH Safe Drinking Water, October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, \$1450. Funds for the program are used to assure non-community public water supplies are in compliance with the USEPA Drinking Water Regulations and provide safe drinking water to the public. The department receives \$50 for each inspection.

Bowers/Emm moved and seconded approval for the CONTINUING GRANT application, IDPH Safe Drinking Water, October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, \$1450. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, IDPH Quality of Life, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$75,000. The intent of this grant is to continue to provide targeted STD and HIV services to MSM and transgendered MTF in our community that were funded under the original HIV prevention services pilot project funded for the period October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Howe explained that the funds allow staff to work selected evenings to provide additional testing for this population and also cover an outreach worker who goes to unique websites to bring targeted clients in for testing. Coverston Anderson added that this grant also pays for special testing that would cost individuals at least \$60 if tested elsewhere.

Tello/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, IDPH Quality of Life, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$75,000. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT – IDPH, We Choose Health Grant, August 15, 2012 through September 29, 2013, which is an amendment to the original contract signed between the two agencies which originally had the contract period from August 15, 2012 through July 31, 2013. The intent of this amendment is to bring the contract in line with the original intended ending date of September 29, 2013.

Turley/Bowers moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT – IDPH, We Choose Health Grant, August 15, 2012 through September 29, 2013. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the NEW GRANT, Women to Women Grant, March 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, in the amount of \$11,904. The intent of this grant is to offer oral health education sessions to 1,200 pregnant women seen through our FCM program and providing 30 high-risk pregnant women with an oral health exam through a contractual agreement with a local dentist. Howe explained that the program hopes to provide anecdotal data indicating that oral health services during pregnancy will result in better pregnancy outcomes.

Emm inquired if this program is for a year. Coverston Anderson explained that it was through December of this year. Bowers inquired how many will be served. Howe reported that it is intended to provide the education and oral health supplies to all 1200 clients but dental exams are limited to 30 high-risk clients. Emm inquired how clients are chosen to be in the high-risk pool. It was noted that certain responses to the initial questionnaire will identify them as high risk. Factors such as smoking, late entry into pre-natal and low income will be factors. Howe noted that clients will be referred to a dentist in the community for oral exams.

Tello inquired if this is something that could involve the United Way. Howe indicated that data collected would be useful information to present to United Way for future programming. Tello inquired about the collection sites for donated dental supplies. Anderson K explained that the various collection sites including both hospitals and other social service agencies turned out well and they have collected enough free supplies to possibly provide oral exams to up to 40 clients. Tello felt that a community fund raiser might help to keep this project going. Howe stated that there was certainly a need for preventive oral health services for adult in the community.

Bowers/Emm moved and seconded the approval for the NEW GRANT, Women to Women Grant, March 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, in the amount of \$11,904. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Coverston Anderson reported for the John M. Scott Commission, noting that the Commission did not meet in February. Coverston Anderson gave an update on the "Bridges Out of Poverty" workshop which was held, February 25 and 26. The Scott Commission acted as the fiscal agent and donated \$3500 in support of the event. The original goal was to have 200 participants and preliminary counts indicated over 300 individuals participated. It was very well attended and a majority of those in attendance were from Central Illinois. Tello inquired if there was a follow up action plan. Coverston Anderson explained that attitudes and heightened awareness was noted and the CHS and MCH Divisions held a discussion session with staff on March 6, 2013 and follow-up will continue in team meetings.

Coverston Anderson reported that since May 5, 2012 the health department's vision program have initiated, there have been 415 referrals for 574 individual eye program clients and 354 pairs of glasses were dispensed by Health Department staff.

Coverston Anderson noted that the Scott Health Resource Center will begin referring clients to the Health Department Dental Clinic whenever possible for extractions rather than using local dentists that contractually charge at a higher cost.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Howe distributed copies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Mental Health grant reports for 2012/2013 (Oct-Dec 2012), which showed comparative data. He pointed out that the CHS numbers showed that the CI program is consistently serving the same number of clients each quarter. The Psychiatric services are up from 2011 139 versus 36 for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 844 versus 726 year-to-date. Howe also shared the news that the recently hired nurse practitioner at CHS resigned to go to military service and CHS is recruiting nationally to fill the position. Howe did note that the funds from the Health Department are being used to provide treatment through the contract psychiatrist at CHS. The nurse practitioner began in August and only worked through February before leaving.

Howe explained that mental health issues are getting a lot of attention in the community from jail overcrowding as well as from the recent shootings in CT. The Health Department has been asked about mental health funding to meet additional needs. Howe explained that any additional funding would require new providers and federally funding as there are, numerous barriers to providing additional County funded services. Howe explained that staff is working with a task force developed as part of the community response to mental health access as an identified in the recent IPLAN. Howe told the Board that he felt mental health services will continue to be an issue in the community. Conversations with the County Administrator and local community providers will continue to try and find local solutions to this problem.

Coverston Anderson noted that several meetings of the IPLAN Mental health task force have already taken place and staff is struggling with issues presented from many different community participants. Howe noted that it appears to be a system crisis and there are not enough providers in the community.

Howe explained the difference in PATH hot line calls. The reports suggest that numbers have been going down. In reality the current year numbers reflect successful calls with a referral and prior year numbers were all calls that came in including hang-ups and wrong numbers.

The Chestnut Health counts for Early Intervention are up as a result of increases school referrals as well as the number of Drug Court participants. Howe noted that the numbers for AVERT are down but that was expected with the 25% cut in their funding. Project OZ Drug Education numbers also show a rising trend resulting from adding additional schools where they provide drug education programs.

Howe distributed the Mental Health Funding Guidelines for FY2014 and reminded the Board that the May meeting will be used to approve funding for the FY14 Mental Health contracts. He explained that one new provider applied this year with two program requests. Those programs can be found on pages 75 and 84. The provider is Center for Youth and Family Services. Their request for the program, on page 75, Modified Assertive Community Treatment (Drug Court) is for \$160,000 to serve approximately 12 to 18 clients. ACT is a recognized Evidence-Based Practice that targets participants in Recovery or Drug Court that are experiencing serious mental illness and have been referred by Court Services.

The program from page 84 is Moral Recognition Therapy, which assists clients that lack the moral reasoning skills necessary to lead productive, non-criminal lives. This program would work collaboratively with drug court services currently being offered by Chestnut. Howe noted that Court Services is very supportive of this approach.

Tello inquired if there was research that could be shared with Board members and Bowers inquired about the evidence based issues and would like to find out more from them and Court Services. Tello also requested to know how long services have been provided. Howe reported that they are not currently providing either program they would be pilots. Turley was interested in their diagnostic criteria. Howe indicated he would contact them and request additional data.

Dr. Emm left at 6:20 p.m.

Howe presented the 2012 Wellness Report, Attachment G that was also recently submitted to the McLean County Board Finance committee, which describes the impact of the 2012 County Wellness Initiative as well as a review of the FY14 program request and budget.

Howe discussed the Affordable Care Act and Health Care Reform article from Consumer Reports which was Attachment H in the packet. He noted that attachment H also included this piece on the new Navigator program. Staff will be viewing a Webinar on March 20<sup>th</sup> exploring public health department's role re the Navigator Initiative. Howe reported the health department will be very interested in applying for participation in the initiative and it will greatly benefit the community. Tello inquired if the Health Department is mandated to participate. Howe explained that the department isn't mandated but it is going to be a benefit to our clients. Bowers asked if this was federally funded. Howe explained that there will be federal funds to provide services.

STAFF REPORTS: Howe reported for Administration by distributing a copy of the FY12 preliminary Financial Statement prepared 1/31/13, which showed the year-end status of tax and grant funds and summed up the 2012 budget closeout.

Anderson T. reported for the Environmental Health Division noting that his report was on pages 7 through 10 in the packet. All programs are holding their own. The complaint rate appears to be higher. Anderson T. stated that the internet has added to complaints because they can be submitted anonymously. Naour inquired if the department has to investigate all complaints. Anderson T. replied that the department is required to investigate all complaints to verify if they are legitimate. To file a complaint they must leave a name and phone number but they don't have to talk to someone. All complaints are routinely responded to within ten days. Anderson T also noted that his division responded to 183 Freedom of Information requests in 2012 and those must be responded to within five business days.

Anderson T. reported that four food establishment have gone out of business since the first of the year and two of those were in LeRoy.

Anderson T. stated that with the beginning of spring it will soon be time to start the West Nile Virus program. In preparation for the West Nile Virus program, Environmental health will begin interviewing candidates for the intern position. This year the process is being changed in how we test mosquitoes and also birds. The division will be conducting a pre-test on the birds before sending them to the State lab.

Anderson T. noted that the department is watching closely the decision on hydraulic fracturing within the State. A two-year moratorium on fracturing in Illinois is being proposed. The final recommendations are yet to be determined by the legislature. There are a lot of unknowns and opinions about the best practice for future use of hydraulic fracturing.

Anderson K. reported for the Maternal Child Health division noting that the report is on packet pages 11 through 13. She pointed out some changes in the chart on page 12 explaining that the report for the AOK events was unavailable at this time and primarily that coordinator was working on the Bridges Out-of-Poverty (approximate attendance of 300) and Bridges Into Health (approximate attendance of 150) and Parent Expo (approximate attendance of 75) during this timeframe and all were well attended.

The changes in the DCFS reporting area will now include numbers for HealthWorks and Medical Case management in the same category.

Anderson K. discussed the Healthy Smiles program that was discussed in the NEW GRANT approval process. She noted that when the department applied for the grant the committee hoped the department could devote more of the funds to dental care and acquire supplies via a donation drive. Therefore the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation organized a donation drive for oral health supplies to allow more of the funds to be directed towards oral health care through a local dentist office.

Anderson K. also stated that the bulletin board located in the WIC waiting room will have a display of breastfeeding goals written by new mothers. This is designed to promote breastfeeding to clients and recognize breastfeeding clients for meeting their goals.

Coverston Anderson reported for the Community Health Services division noting that the report was on pages 14 through 16 in the packet. She noted that since the dental clinic now had two dental hygienists there has been a greater backlog to see the dentist. In February, Dr. Beehner, current adult dentist, had agreed to work the children's clinic on Tuesdays to help out.

Coverston Anderson stated that approval was received from the HFS Dental grant manager to purchase new desk units, chairs, and cabinets for the small office area near the operatories. These funds will be used to replace outdated equipment and increase the efficiency of the dental administration.

Coverston Anderson reported that the immunization clinic will be having an unannounced VFC site visit. These visits are designed to assure local health department's are in compliance with the VFC vaccine usage guidelines.

Staff recently completed the application for re-certification to be a licensed home nursing agency. The current license expires at the end of the month.

Coverston Anderson reported that one of the communicable disease investigators had resigned. She is having her second child soon and has made a decision to stay at home after the birth. Staff has been busy interviewing for that position as well as the summer student nurse extern for Immunization Clinic.

The TB clinic has been working with Dr. Skillurd to plan for the impact of the isoniazid (INH) shortage. Currently there is a 2-month supply for one new active case, if needed. Recently, staff was also notified that there is a Tubersol shortage. Coverston Anderson gave an update for employers who mandate TB skin tests for their employees. Health Department staff is developing a plan to approach local employers requesting that they sign a testing contract with MCHD. If signed, their employees would be given a testing voucher which would then be used to bill the employer for testing services. Final plan will be provided to the Board at the May meeting for approval.

Coverston Anderson directed the Board to page 16 in the packet which gave 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Animal Control data for 2012. She pointed out that staff was been busy in 2012 with several high profile bite investigations.

BOARD ISSUES: None

ADJOURN: All the members moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.